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# The Sound Of Silence

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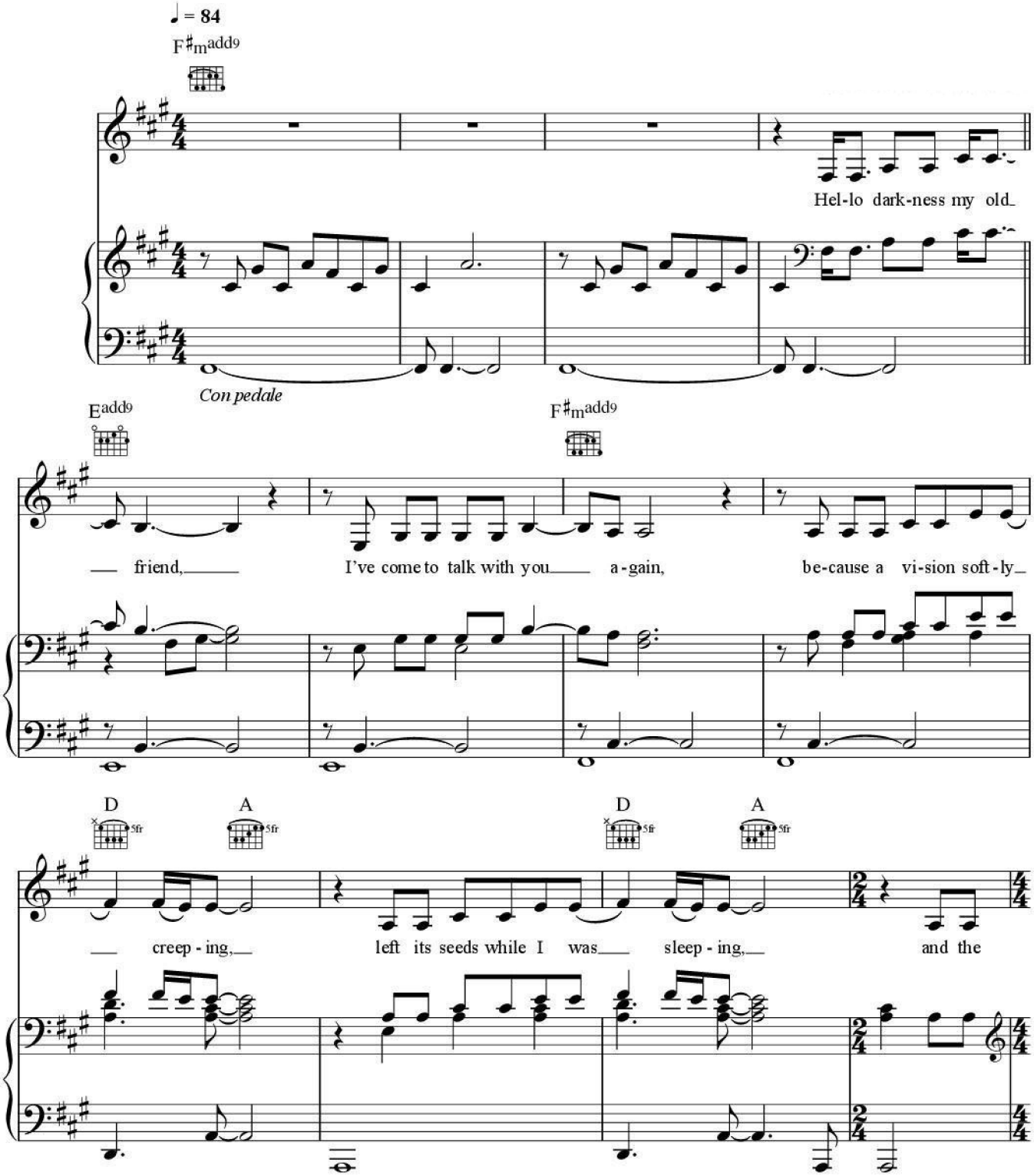


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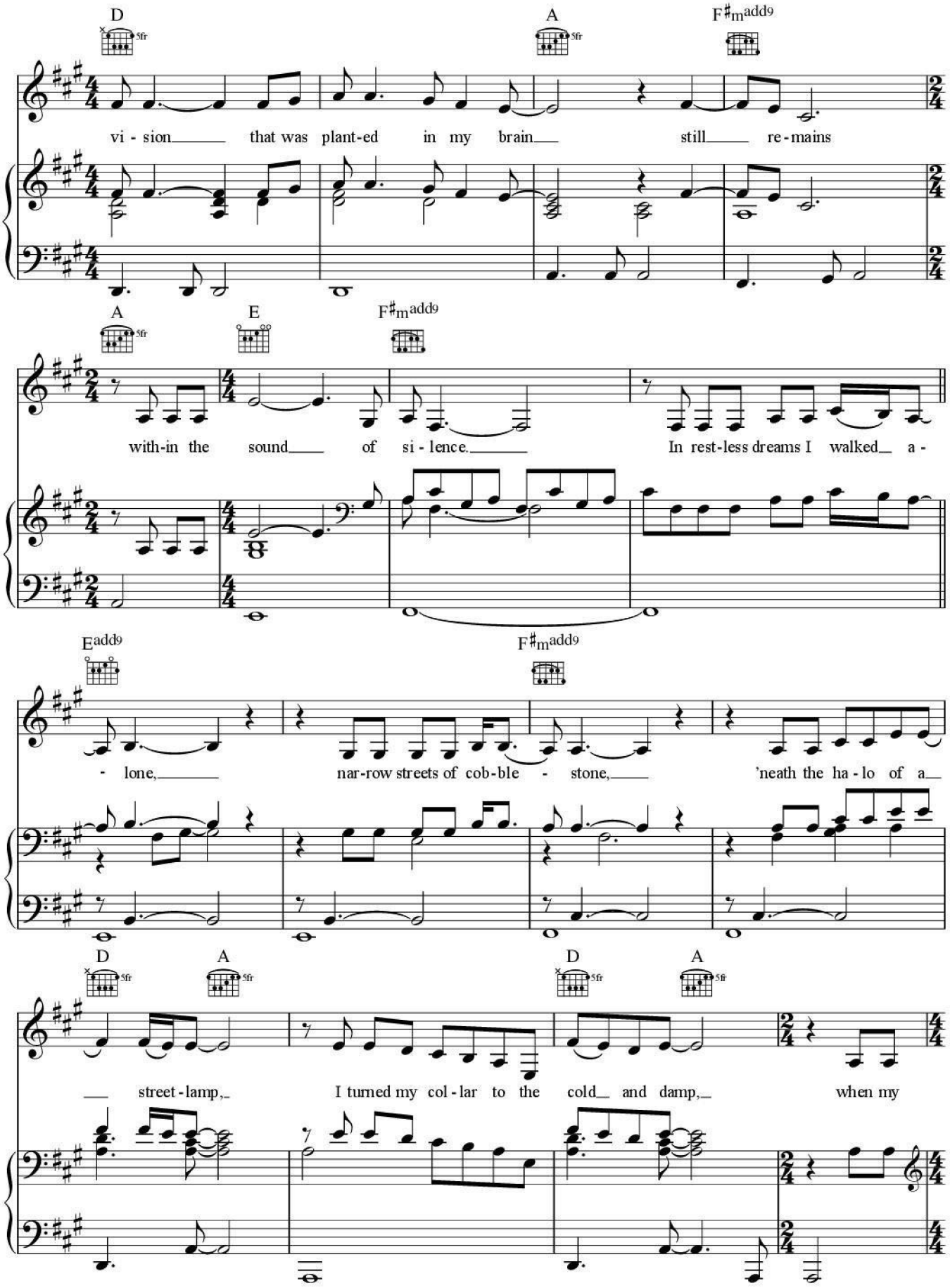
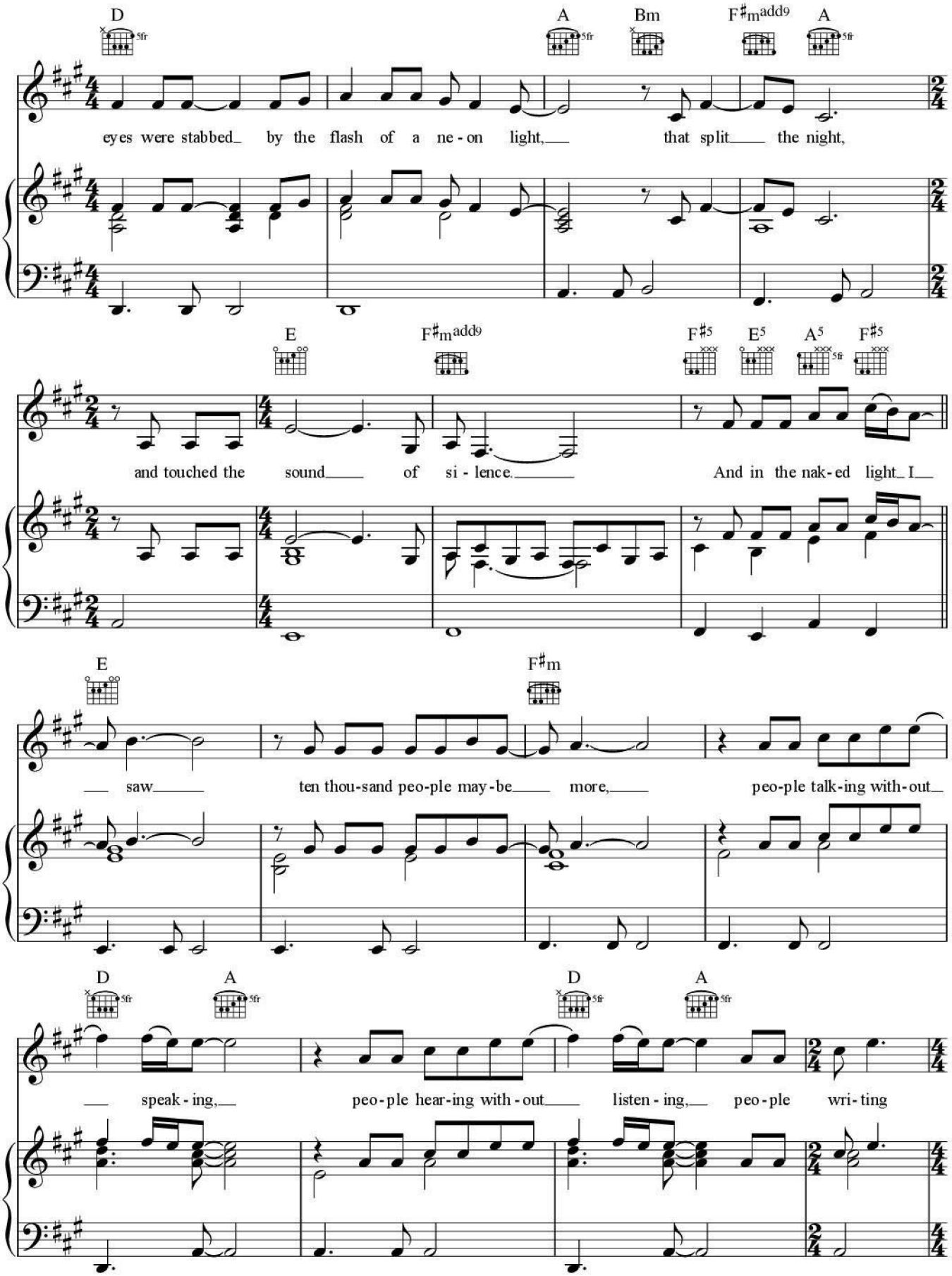
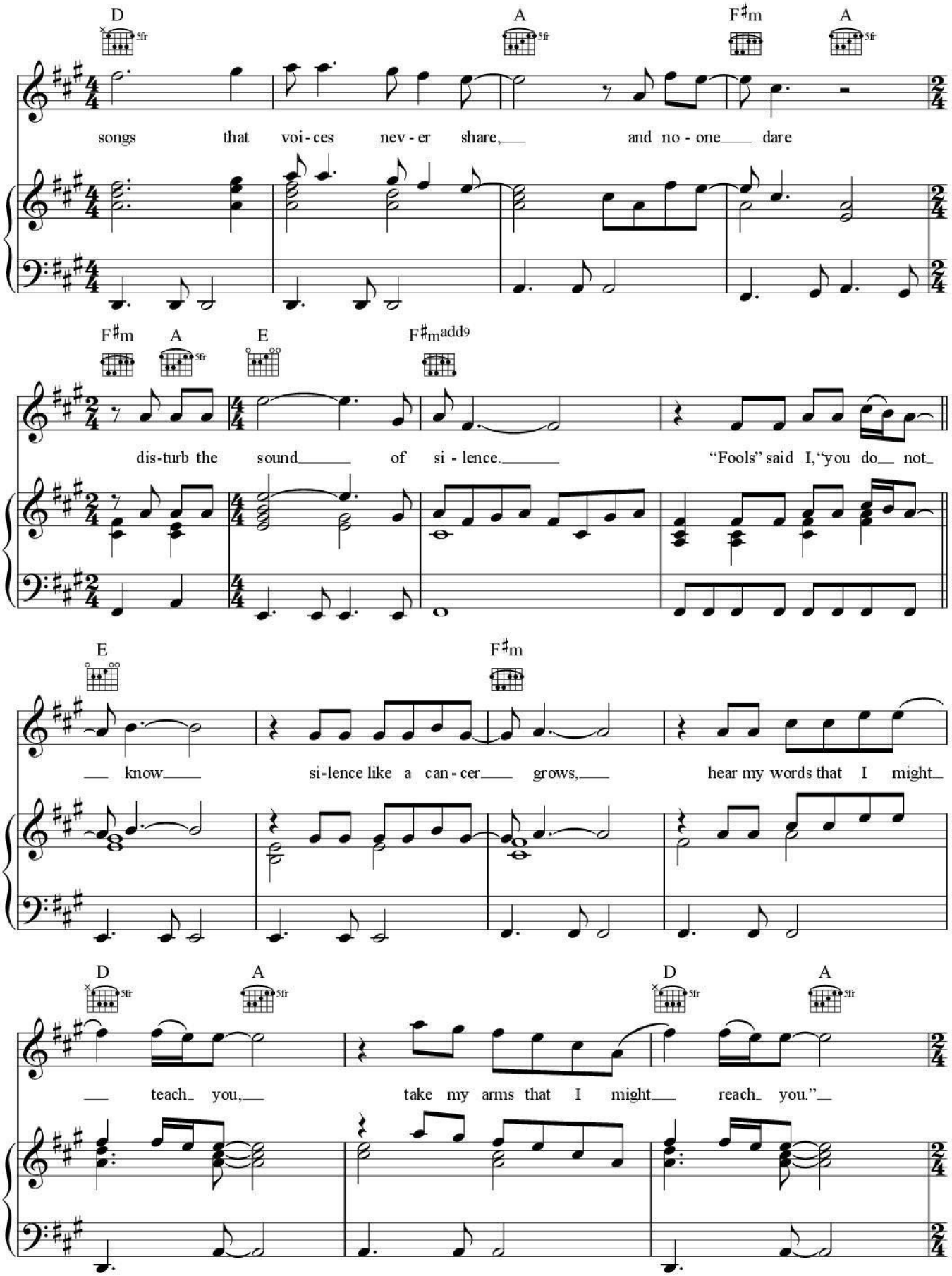
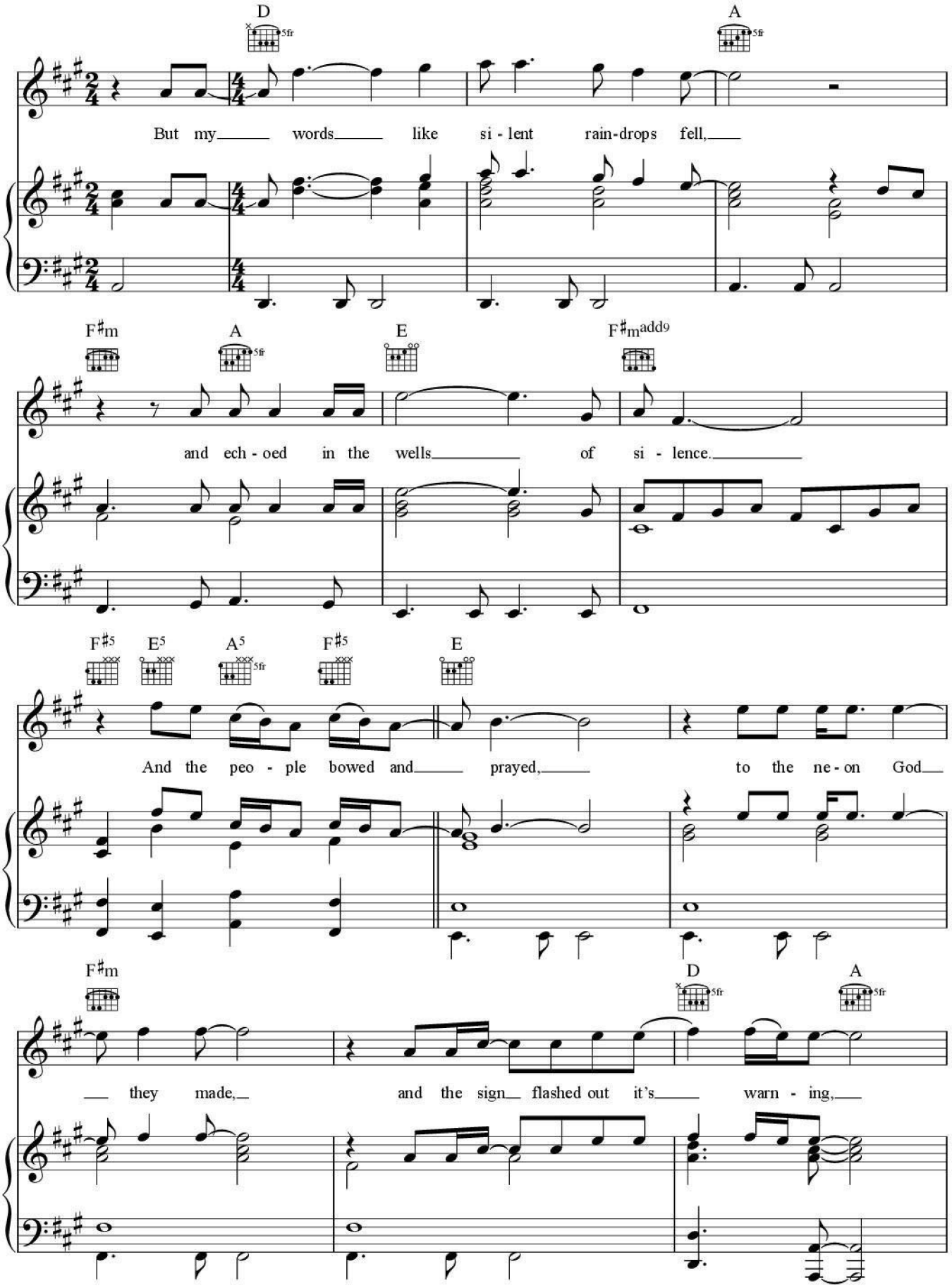
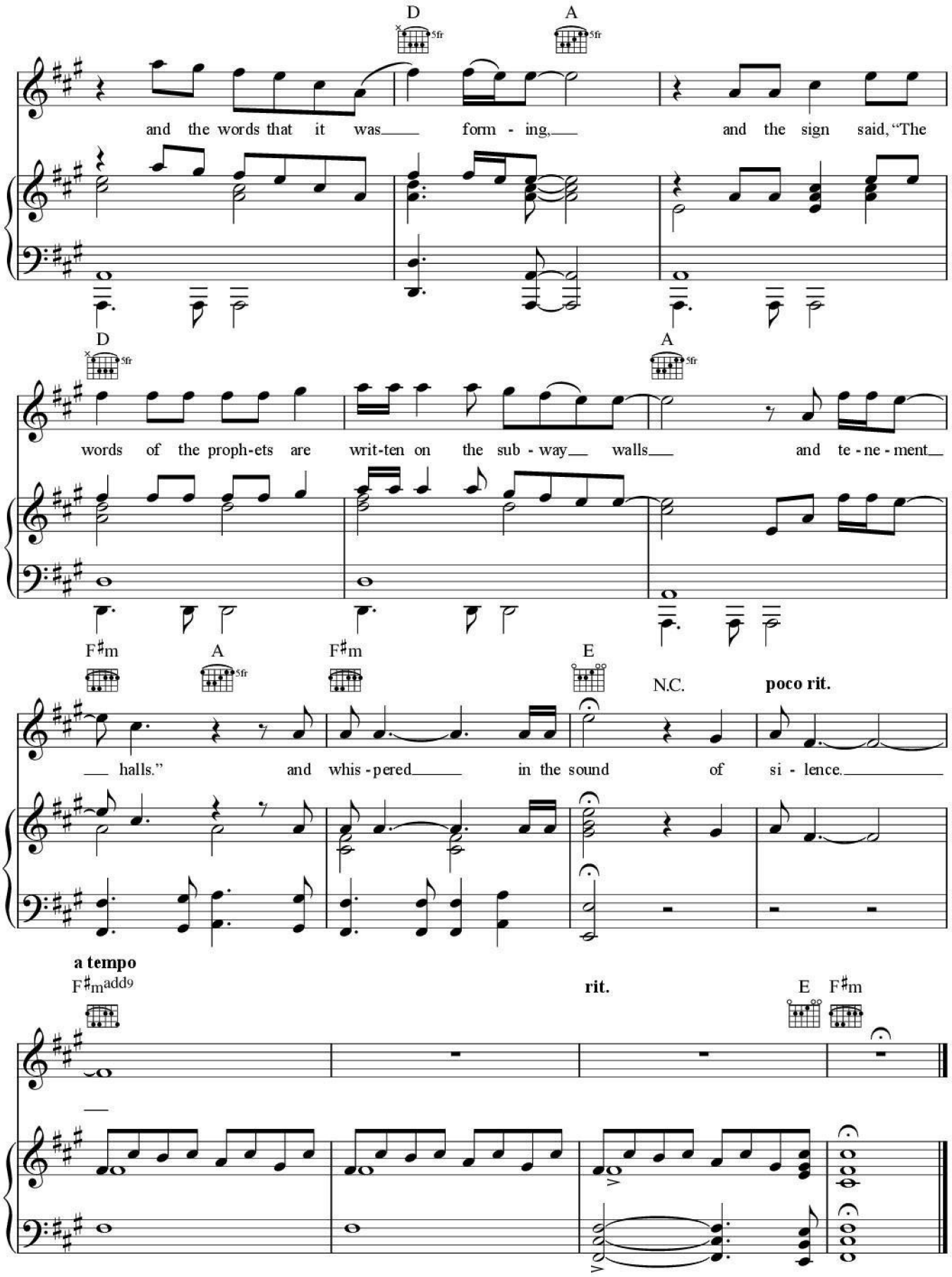

D
A
F♯madd9
vi - sion that was plant-ed in my brain still re-mains
A
E
F♯madd9
with-in the sound of si - lence. In rest-less dreams I walked a -
Eadd9
F♯madd9
- lone, nar-row streets of cob-ble - stone, 'neath the ha - lo of a
D
A
D
A
street - lamp, I turned my col - lar to the cold and damp, when my


D
A
Bm
F♯madd9
A
eyes were stabbed by the flash of a ne-on light, that split the night,
E
F♯madd9
F♯5
E5
A5
F♯5
and touched the sound of si-lence. And in the nak-ed light I
E
F♯m
saw ten thou-sand peo-ple may-be more, peo-ple talk-ing with-out
D
A
D
A
speak-ing, peo-ple hear-ing with-out listen-ing, peo-ple wri-ting


D
A
F♯m
A
songs that voi-ces nev-er share, and no-one dare
F♯m
A
E
F♯madd9
dis-turb the sound of si-lence. "Fools" said I, "you do not
E
F♯m
know si-lence like a can-cer grows, hear my words that I might
D
A
D
A
teach you, take my arms that I might reach you."


D
A
But my words like si - lent rain-drops fell,
F♯m
A
E
F♯madd9
and ech - oed in the wells of si - lence.
F♯5
E5
A5
F♯5
E
And the peo - ple bowed and prayed, to the ne - on God
F♯m
D
A
they made, and the sign flashed out it's warn - ing,


D
A
and the words that it was form - ing, and the sign said, "The
D
A
words of the proph-ets are writ-ten on the sub - way walls and te - ne - ment
F♯m
A
F♯m
E
N.C.
poco rit.
halls." and whis - pered in the sound of si - lence.
a tempo
F♯madd9
rit.
E
F♯m